

his new role. I want to thank J.D. for all his hard work as Executive Director of the New Democrat Coalition, and I wish him nothing but the best in all his future endeavors.

**CONDEMNING RELIGIOUS
PERSECUTION IN BANGLADESH**

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 1, 2021

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to support of victims of violent religious persecution in Bangladesh. I have been informed that currently, about 14 million people are facing religious persecution solely for their Hindu beliefs. There is documented numerous attacks on Hindu temples, businesses and homes. People have been brutally killed and raped due to their religious beliefs. I strongly condemn the violent and immoral actions of those who harm others simply because they have a different religion.

Madam Speaker, the persecution of religious minorities will not end without strong action by the government, in this case Bangladesh. All governments are duty bound to protect their citizens and promote the freedom to worship. I call upon the government to make every effort to end the violence and protect religious minority populations within its borders. In order to protect its people, the government should restrict extremist groups that exert any violent influence over the country's political, social, legal, and religious affairs. Only then can peace and religious freedom be restored in Bangladesh.

The United States and Bangladesh have a friendship with deep ties among and between its people. Like Bangladesh, the United States has religious minorities. To truly flourish and prosper, the rights of all people to be secure in their property and their lives must be ensured. I encourage the government of Bangladesh and offer the full support of the United States in helping it protect its religious minorities. May God bless both our nations.

**HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF
MARIAM C. NOLAND FROM THE
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR
SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN**

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 1, 2021

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mariam C. Noland on the occasion of her retirement from the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan after over thirty-five years of service as President. Her significant contributions to our southeast Michigan community are worthy of commendation.

A graduate of Harvard University and Case Western Reserve University, Ms. Noland was an experienced leader in the nonprofit and community foundation field before arriving in Michigan. Prior to being named as the founding President of the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan in 1985, she worked at the Cleveland Foundation and the Saint Paul

Foundation, as well as at colleges in Ohio and North Carolina.

As President of the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, she helped create and fund countless programs that benefit our community. These include the GreenWays Initiative, the New Economy Initiative, the HOPE Fund, Southeast Michigan Healthy Youth, Healthy Seniors, and the Family Development Program. These programs uplift diverse populations, invest in environmental initiatives, promote community health, advance justice and policing reform, and help our local economy thrive. Her work to secure endowments in perpetuity for many of the Foundation's programs will help transform southeast Michigan, and the impact of her work will be felt for years to come. During her tenure, the Community Foundation's assets have grown to more than \$1.1 billion, placing the Foundation in the top 25 nationally.

Ms. Noland currently serves on the Board of Trustees at the Bipartisan Policy Center in Washington, D.C., the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy, and the Downtown Detroit Partnership. She is the recipient of the Special Lifetime Achievement Award for Leadership in Philanthropy, has been named Michigania of the Year by the Detroit News, and has an award in her name at the Community Foundation—the Mariam C. Noland Award for Non-profit Leadership that recognizes a nonprofit president or CEO in Southeast Michigan who is an exceptional leader in their organization and beyond. She resides in Grosse Pointe Farms with her husband James.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mariam C. Noland for an exemplary nearly four decades of dedicated service to the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan. I join with Mariam's family, friends, and colleagues in extending my best wishes to her in retirement.

GLORIA EZZIE'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 1, 2021

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, birthdays are a celebration of a life well-lived, which we share with family and friends. This is especially true for Gloria. We celebrate her 100 years of life, surrounded by family, friends, 9 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren. She has spent 54 wonderful years in beautiful Brigantine with husband, Michael, where she raised her family, and where she has been an active member of the community. It is an honor to be her Representative, and it is my honor to wish her the happiest of birthdays, with many more to come. I hope Gloria enjoys her 100th birthday, and go Phillies. God Bless Gloria, and God Bless America.

**RECOGNIZING 1ST LIEUTENANT
GLEE PITNEY, RECIPIENT OF
TEXAS' THIRD CONGRESSIONAL
DISTRICT 2021 CONGRESSIONAL
VETERAN COMMENDATION**

HON. VAN TAYLOR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 1, 2021

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, today, it is my privilege to honor fifteen distinguished military veterans from Texas' Third Congressional District who answered the call to serve their Nation honorably, both in uniform and following their return to civilian life. The recipients of the 2021 Congressional Veteran Commendation exemplify the time-honored qualities of patriotism, service before self, and bold leadership. Following their time in service, their efforts in our community have earned these fine individuals recognition as the recipients of this prestigious commendation. Their stories of sacrifice will encourage future generations to pursue a life dedicated to the very values we cherish as Americans: faith, freedom, and democracy. One such hero is 1st Lieutenant Glee Pitney of Dallas, Texas.

Glee Pitney graduated from Bowling Green State University in 1954 whereupon he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant of Artillery in the United States Army. The newly married Glee was soon assigned duty at Fort Sill, Oklahoma before being transferred with the Far East Command in South Korea. Pitney was assigned to the 11th Field Artillery Battalion and the 3rd Engineer Battalion as an assistant division fire marshal overseeing four fire stations.

For his service, Lieutenant Pitney was awarded the National Defense Service Medal.

Following his time in the military, Mr. Pitney returned to Ohio and entered the family trucking business until his retirement. In 1997, Glee relocated to Dallas where he became heavily involved in his community as a founding member of his homeowners association and as an active member of Volunteers in Patrol for which he received recognition from the Dallas Police Department.

In 2006, Glee and his wife moved to Highland Springs Retirement Community where he earned a reputation as an extraordinarily active community leader. His civic involvement includes serving as the first Chair and Vice-Chair of the General Services Committee, liaison to the Transportation Department, as a member of the Resident Advisory Council, and Chairman of Government Affairs Group. His commitment to our veterans remains strong as evidenced by his role as the founding Chairman of the Veterans Affairs Group, which today includes nearly 400 veterans, wives and widows. Mr. Pitney's efforts were instrumental in the creation of the Highland Springs Veterans Memorial Park and he is a strong supporter of the DFW Honor Flight where he has assisted almost fifty Highland Springs residents with travel to our Nation's Capitol.

Lieutenant Glee Pitney is a stellar example of a servant leader who embodies patriotism and a steadfast commitment to his community.

Today, a grateful Nation thanks Lieutenant Pitney for his exceptional service and congratulates him on this recognition. May his steadfast example of leadership inspire others to live a life of service to a cause greater than